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Eastern Illinois University

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of October 14, 1980

MEMBERS: Carey, Cooper, Hamand, Hockman, Johnson, Knoop, Lasky, Pierson, Preston, Rogers, Smith, Stoner, Sullivan, Thurman, Wood

VISITORS: Dr. Larry Williams, Dr. Lewis Coon, Cathy Crist (Eastern News), John Guite (CAA member), Russ Robb, Karen Edwards, Marilyn Kludas (Student Senate representative to the Faculty Senate), Natalie Scott, Melanie J. McNeil

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. The minutes of September 30 were approved with the following corrections: Committee Reports, #1: lines 2, 8: Waldhouse should be Wallhaus; lines 4, 6: BOG should be BHE; line 14 should read: "be able to lobby for individual programs." Committee Reports, #2: line 7: omit who. Program, #2: line 8: change have to want. Page 2, last paragraph: October 7 should be October 14.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mary Rogers (Supervisor, ARC) to Senate - information on Adult Reentry Center, with a calendar of events
2. Russ Robb (Academic Affairs Committee, Student Senate) to Senate - revised fall break proposal (See Old Business below.)
3. Pres. Marvin to Wood - request that Senate nominate two members for A & S Dean search committee (October 6) (Committee composition: chairman appointed by President, 6 A & S faculty, 1 student, 2 A & S Chairs, 2 faculty at large appointed by Faculty Senate)
4. Lewis Coon (IAB) to Senate - designation of a new ex-officio member (Ron Paap) for the Intercollegiate Athletic Board (October 7)
5. Lewis Coon (IAB) to Senate - annual report of the EIU IAB
6. (copy) Pres. Marvin to Dr. Soderberg - letter noting Senate opposition to CAA decision on G.E. requirements with respect to social science courses taught outside the Social Science Department (October 8) (See Senate minutes of April 8 to June 24.)
7. (copy) Pres. Marvin to Academic Deans - request that Deans make sure that appropriate material sent to chairs filter down to faculty (October 8) (See Senate minutes of September 9 and 23.)
8. Sharon Bartling to Rogers - corrections to Senate minutes of September 30 (Committee Reports, #1)
9. Mary Ann Bialek - arguments against the student-proposed fall break (October 13)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Nominating - Cary Knoop - The names of Gerald Sullivan (Theatre Arts) and John Wright (School of Technology) were submitted as nominations for the at-large (non-A & S) members of the search committee for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (See Communications, #3). A motion (Knoop/Johnson) to approve passed on a voice vote. The names of Laurence Crofutt (Botany) and Ronald Jones (School of Technology) were submitted as nominations for the enlarged Judicial Board. A motion (Knoop/Pierson) to approve passed on a voice vote. Discussion about making the Library Advisory Board a rotating committee centered around both the mechanics of how rotation should be spelled out and who should have the responsibility for introducing such a change. Wood suggested that Knoop bring recommendations on rotation to the Senate at the next meeting. (Anyone having views on the above subject should contact Cary Knoop.)
2. Summer Session - June Johnson - Senators should look over the report in the April 29 minutes so that it can be discussed next time (October 28).
3. Executive - Leonard Wood - The Senate will meet every other week unless pressing business necessitates meeting more often.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fall break - Russ Robb submitted the following revised proposal:

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Senate proposes that a "Mid-Term Study Day" be initiated in the calendar year of 1981. Classes would be cancelled on this day, thus deleting a day from the Fall Semester. This day would be scheduled to take place the Friday (October 9, 1981) before the declared Federal Columbus Day and would be in effect every year thereafter.

There was much discussion about reduced class hours, scheduling problems caused by the elimination of a Monday or a Friday, and the desirability of resubmitting the issue to the faculty for an advisory vote. A motion to table (Lasky/Hockman) failed on a show of hands, despite some support. A motion for Senate support for the revised fall break proposal (Hamand/Sullivan) passed on a show of hands, despite some opposition. (This was an advisory vote only, to lend support to the student's cause.)

PROGRAM:

1. Council of Faculties - Lewis Coon - The COF met at EIU on October 5-6. Institutional reports showed peak enrollments at each school. Dr. Pringle, reporting for the Central BOG office, indicated that the BHE is concerned about out-of-state universities offering courses in higher education in Illinois. Also noted was that EIU has received a NEIPERS grant of \$54,000. for a writing lab. Dr. Dale Downs (COF) noted that private colleges seem to have an easier time than public colleges in obtaining hearings with the BHE on program and budgetary matters.

Resigning because of increased pressure caused by the emphasis in evaluations on research and quality publication were Ms. Grosko (UNI), Dr. Stilnecki (GSU) and Dr. Tyroler (CSU). Dr. Prigge, chair of the UPC at GSU, reported that research, community service and teaching are weighed equally in evaluations at CSU. He stated, "Those who were hired some years in the past and believe that teaching should be their only area of evaluation should consider the current situation as one in which the Union has negotiated away their faculty rights. The contract permitted each university president to write evaluation criteria for their institutions."

The COF endorsed proposals for (1) changing cyclical tenure to permanent tenure at GSU, and (2) raising the level of BOG faculty reimbursement and per diem for travel.

In answer to a question related to Dr. Walters' (BOG) recent press release, "Refurbish Basic Skills," Dr. Pringle noted the steps the BOG schools have been taking to meet their legal requirement to address the needs of students deficient in reading, writing, math, etc. (EIU offers special assistance programs in reading and writing, but not in math.) Dr. Pringle indicated that colleges will not be able to insist that students make up such deficiencies before attending BOG schools, but rather that the schools must emphasize exit requirements rather than entrance requirements. Steps in that direction are the junior-level writing requirement at WIU, the junior-level exam in math, reading, and writing at CSU, and the present development of similar requirements at GSU and UNI. A BHE report will probably recommend that remedial work become a regular community college offering and that special assistance programs become a regular university offering.

2. Larry Williams, Dean of the Graduate School - Dr. Williams noted that cutbacks and changes in support personnel have made it difficult to date for the Graduate School to address some problems. Graduate enrollment is up, close to 1,000 for Fall, 1980. English and Business graduate programs have increased enrollment, and most areas are at least holding steady. He briefly mentioned mechanical problems involved in enrolling foreign students. Of special concern is the need to increase the stipends for graduate assistants to subsistence levels. Also of concern is that some graduate students are using tuition waivers to take mostly undergraduate courses. Graduate programs at EIU can expect to be repeatedly scrutinized by the BHE which is concerned with reducing costs by eliminating programs. Williams noted that graduate students need an advocate in such matters as fee increases, and suggested that departments re-enstate comprehensive exams and major papers to increase the value of the graduate degree. Wood thanked Williams for his presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be Tuesday, October 28, 1980, at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Union.

Dick Rogers, Faculty Senate Secretary

